

**Introduced by Senator Hertzberg**  
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An act to amend Section 6032 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to attorneys.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 134, as introduced, Hertzberg. State Bar of California: voluntary fee collection.

Existing law, the State Bar Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of attorneys by the State Bar of California, a public corporation. Existing law authorizes the State Bar to collect annual membership dues and voluntary fees, as specified. Existing law creates the Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment Program, which is administered by the Student Aid Commission, to provide loan repayment assistance for licensed attorneys who practice or agree to practice in public interest areas of the law in California.

This bill would expressly authorize the State Bar to collect voluntary fees on behalf of, and for the purpose of funding, the Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment Program.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 6032 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:

1     6032. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
2 State Bar is expressly authorized to collect, in conjunction with  
3 the State Bar's collection of its annual membership dues, voluntary  
4 fees on behalf of, and for the purpose of ~~funding~~ funding, the  
5 California Supreme Court Historical Society, which advances the  
6 science of jurisprudence by preserving and disseminating to the  
7 general public the history of the Supreme Court and the Judicial  
8 Branch.

9     (b) *Notwithstanding any other law, the State Bar is expressly*  
10 *authorized to collect, in conjunction with the State Bar's collection*  
11 *of its annual membership dues, voluntary fees on behalf of, and*  
12 *for the purpose of funding, the Public Interest Attorney Loan*  
13 *Repayment Program (Article 12 (commencing with Section 69740)*  
14 *of Chapter 2 of Part 42 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education*  
15 *Code), which provides loan assistance to licensed attorneys who*  
16 *practice or agree to practice in public interest areas of the law in*  
17 *this state.*